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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~Systems and methods for processing autonomic e-mails, which each have at least one unique identifying number attached to them, are disclosed.~~ Internally within an organization, e-mails are often sent to multiple recipients, ~~such as to all members of a particular distribution list,~~ to request information or ask that a task be performed by one or more, but less than all, of those recipients. ~~The disclosed systems and methods help minimize the~~ Systems and method help minimize overall time burden to those recipients in responding to or trying to track such e-mails, and help the sender and recipients alike more easily view, manage and control such e-mails and their ultimate disposition, including the sender's e-mail and the plurality of responses sent by recipients. Separate viewable areas for each string or chain of related autonomic e-mails within each user's e-mail in-box and other e-mail storage areas are provided. ~~These areas are preferably organized in a certain hierarchical manner and facilitate the user's ability to review and process such e-mails with greater dispatch and confidence.~~ The e-mail's sender and at least certain recipients can help decide whether to terminate a particular thread of autonomic e-mail communications by designating it as completed or canceled. ~~In either such situation, those~~ Those emails which have not yet been read by recipients can be moved to a "completed" folder or deleted altogether. This in turn saves the review time of those recipients who have been away or too busy to check the e-mails within their respective in-boxes.